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DETAILED ACTION

- 1. This Office action is responsive to communications filed 21 June 2005.
- 2. Per applicant's request, amended claims 1, 13, 23 and 24 have been entered. Claims 4 and 22 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 23-26 are currently pending.
- 3. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 23-26 have been examined.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 12-13 of the Remarks, filed 21 June 2005, with respect to claims 1-26 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-8, 12, 13, 20 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and the rejection of claims 9-11, 14-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter & Examiner's Statement of Reason(s) for Allowance

- 5. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 23-26 (renumbered as claims 1-24) are allowed.
- 6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest found prior art of record, specifically, U.S. Patent 5,752,042 to Cole et al., taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or reasonably suggest a method for updating computer software on a computer in accordance with independent claim 1. Specifically, Cole et al. does not teach downloading software update information through a network to the computer, determining if a software update is available from the software update information...evaluating the criticality of the software update from an output of a criticality check program and the software update information, accessing stored user preference information that includes a user criticality threshold, and determining if the software update should be automatically downloaded and installed by

comparing the user criticality threshold of the user preference information and the evaluated criticality of the software update (claim 1). Similar limitations are recited in independent claims 20, 21 and 23-26.

Instead, Cole et al. disclose a system for identifying code updates which are consistent with system characteristics of the client computer, by sending a "recognizer" program to the client computer which will gather version information relating to software programs. The system can also determine the criticality of each respective code update and builds a selection form for display at the client. However, Cole et al. do not disclose storing user preference information that includes a user criticality threshold, and determining if the software update should be automatically downloaded and installed by comparing the user criticality threshold of the user preference information and the evaluated criticality of the software update as required by independent claim 1.

Newly found prior art, U.S. Patent 6,701,521 to McLlroy et al. discloses a software updating system which provides the user the ability to specify stored preferences with regard to when an update is to be installed, and based on these preferences, the system will decide if an update should be automatically installed. However, McLlroy et al. do not disclose the additional step of determining if the software update should be automatically downloaded and installed by comparing the user criticality threshold of the user preference information and the evaluated criticality of the software update as required by independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Trent J. Roche whose telephone number is (571) 272-3733. The examiner can

normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where

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